

U.S. Officials Only

SECRET

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORTCOUNTRY **Germany (Soviet Zone)**SUBJECT **Aluminum Production in the Soviet Zone**

25X1

DATE DISTR. **19** Mar 54NO. OF PAGES **1**

NO. 25X1NCLS.

SUPP. TO
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES, WITHIN THE MEANING OF TITLE 18, SECTIONS 793 AND 794, OF THE U.S. CODE, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS TO OR RECEIPT BY AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. THE REPRODUCTION OF THIS REPORT IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1

1. An aluminum production of 61,450 tons has been set for the Soviet Zone in 1954 by the Ministry of Heavy Industry. It is highly improbable however that this quantity can be produced because production stoppages already have occurred in January 1954, due to failure of Hungarian deliveries of bauxite. On its side, the Soviet Zone has not been able to meet, in specified time, Hungarian requirements for larger quantities of machinery for the power industry.
2. Raw material supplies are not the only difficulties hampering production. There have also been technical difficulties. The Raackwitz aluminum works were promised six new filter presses in 1954, but they have not yet arrived. The Lautz works are having power supply difficulties.
3. The production quota for 1953 was only 78.9 percent filled. This caused considerable production difficulties in the electric and motor vehicle industries. Should it not be possible to increase aluminum production considerably in 1954, there will be difficulties in increasing the supply of so-called staple goods. In 1953 there were still reserves of aluminum available, but because of increased demands by the Soviet Union upon the electro-chemical industry it will hardly be possible to make a larger quantity of magnesium available in 1954. In addition, there are difficulties with the soda supply.

- end -

LIBRARY SUBJECT & AREA CODES

8-11/732.01 4M/C
4-6/732.01 4M/C
1-6/732.01 4M/C

U.S. Officials Only

SECRET

DISTRIBUTION	STATE	ARMY	NAVY	AIR	FBI	ORR	IV		
--------------	-------	------	------	-----	-----	-----	----	--	--

This report is for the use within the USA of the Intelligence components of the Departments or Agencies indicated above. It is not to be transmitted overseas without the concurrence of the originating office through the Assistant Director of the Office of Collection and Dissemination, CIA.